

to the approval of the State Board of Health. All such records shall be made upon forms prepared and printed by the State registrar of vital statistics and distributed by him for this purpose. All records of birth or death shall be plainly written in unfading ink and shall be signed by the person required to make the record in his own hand writing. And no certificate shall be held to be complete or correct that does not supply all of the items of information called for under the provisions of this section so far as it is possible to obtain the same. And if such items cannot be obtained by proper and diligent inquiry and search the word "unknown" shall be entered after each item so described.

Still-born children, or those dead at birth, shall be registered upon forms furnished by the State Registrar, and in such manner as may be prescribed by the State Board of Health. The medical certificate of the cause of death shall be signed by the attending physician, if any, and shall state the cause of death as "still-born" with the cause of the still-birth if known, whether a premature birth, and if born prematurely, the period of uterine gestation, in months, if known; and a burial or removal permit in the usual form shall be required. Midwives shall not sign certificates of death for still-born children; but in such cases and in the case of still-births occurring without attendance of either physician or midwife, such still-births shall be treated as deaths without medical attendance as hereinafter provided.

24. In the event of the birth of any child without the attendance of either a physician or midwife it shall be the duty of the father, coroner, householder, keeper of any workhouse, house of correction, prison, hospital, reformatory, almshouse, or other institution, master or other commanding officer of a ship or vessel and the conductor of any railroad train to report in writing, within four days next succeeding the birth, to the local registrar or deputy local registrar of the registration district wherein such birth occurs, the full name of the mother, the full name of the father, if it can be ascertained, date, hour, and place of birth, and the sex and color of the child, and it shall be the duty of the local registrar or deputy local registrar to whom such report is presented to immediately investigate the same and to execute and send a proper and correct certificate of birth as provided by Section 19 of this Article.

And all physicians, midwives, informants or undertakers, and all other persons having knowledge of the facts, are hereby required to furnish such information as they may possess regarding any birth or death upon demand of the State Regis-